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The TATLER.

By *Iſaac Bickerſtaff* Eſq;

Principiis obſta ——

From *Thurſday September* 28. to *Saturday September* 30. 1710.

From my own Apartment, September 29.

THERE are very many ill Habits that might with much Eaſe have been prevented, which, after we have indulged our ſelves in them, become incorrigible. We have a ſort of Proverbial Expreſſion of *taking a Woman down in her Wedding Shoes*, if you would bring her to Reaſon. An early Behaviour of this Sort, had a very remarkable good Effect in a Family wherein I was ſeveral Years an intimate Acquaintance.

A Gentleman in *Lincolnſhire* had Four Daughters, Three of which were early married very happily; but the Fourth, tho' no Way inferior to any of her Siſters, either in Perſon or Accompliſhments, had from her Infancy diſcovered ſo imperious a Temper, (uſually called a High Spirit) that it continually made great Uneaſineſs in the Family, became her known Character in the Neighbourhood, and deterred all her Lovers from declaring themſelves. However, in Proceſs of Time, a Gentleman of a plentiful Fortune and long Acquaintance, having obſerved that Quickneſs of Spirit to be her only Fault, made his Addreſſes, and obtained her Conſent in due Form. The Lawyers finiſhed the Writings, (in which, by the Way, there was no Pin-Money) and they were married. After a decent Time ſpent in the Father's Houſe, the Bridegroom went to prepare his Seat for her Reception. During the whole Courſe of his Courtſhip, though a Man of the moſt equal Temper, he had artificially lamented to her, that he was the moſt paſſionate Creature breathing. By this one Intimation, he at once made her underſtand Warmth of Temper to be what he ought to pardon in her, as well as that he alarmed her againſt that Conſtitution in himſelf. She at the ſame Time thought her ſelf highly obliged by the compoſed Behaviour which he maintained in her Preſence. Thus far he with great Succeſs ſoothed her from being guilty of Violences, and ſtill reſolved to give her ſuch a terrible Apprehenſion of his fiery Spirit, that ſhe ſhould never dream of giving Way to her own. He returned on the Day appointed for carrying her Home; but inſtead of a Coach and Six Horſes, together with the gay Equipage ſuitable to the Occaſion, he appeared without a Servant, mounted on the Skeleton of a Horſe which his Huntſman had the Day before brought in to feaſt his Dogs on the Arrival of their new Miſtreſs, with a Pillion fixed behind, and a Caſe of Piſtols before him, attended only by a Favourite Hound. Thus equipped, he in a very obliging (but ſomewhat poſitive) Manner deſired his Lady to ſeat her ſelf on the Cuſhion; which done, away they crawled. The Road being obſtructed by a Gate, the Dog was commanded to open it: The poor Cur looked up and wagged his Tail; but the Maſter, to ſhew the Impatience of his Temper, drew a Piſtol and ſhot him dead. He had no ſooner done it, but he fell into a Thouſand Apologies for his unhappy Raſhneſs, and begged as many Pardons for his Exceſſes before one for whom he had ſo profound a Reſpect. Soon after their Steed ſtumbled, but with ſome Difficulty recovered: However, the Bridegroom took Occaſion to ſwear, if he frighted his Wife ſo again, he would run him through: And alas! the poor Animal being now almoſt tired, made a ſecond Trip; immediately on which the careful Husband alights, and with great Ceremony firſt takes off his Lady, then the Accoutrements, draws his Sword, and ſaves the Huntſman the Trouble of killing him: Then ſays to his Wife, Child, prithee take up the Saddle; which ſhe readily did, and tugged it Home, where they found all Things in the greateſt Order, ſuitable to their Fortune and the preſent Occaſion. Some Time after the Father of the Lady gave an Entertainment to all his Daughters and their Husbands, where, when the Wives were retired, and the Gentlemen paſſing a Toaſt about, our laſt married Man took Occaſion to obſerve to the reſt of his Brethren, how much, to his great Satisfaction, he found the World miſtaken as to the Temper of his Lady, for that ſhe was the moſt meek and humble Woman breathing. The Applauſe was received with a loud Laugh: But as a Tryal which of them would appear the moſt Maſter at Home, he propoſed they ſhould all by Turns ſend for their Wives down to them. A Servant was diſpatched, and Anſwer was made by one, Tell him I will come by and by; another, That ſhe would come when the Cards were out of her Hand, and ſo on. But no ſooner was her Husband's Deſire whiſpered in the Ear of our laſt married

married Lady, but the Cards were clapped on the Table, and down she comes with, My Dear, would you speak with me? He receives her in his Arms, and after repeated Careſſes tells her the Experiment, confeſſes his good Nature, and aſſures her, That ſince ſhe could now command her Temper, he would no longer diſguiſe his own.

I received the following Letter, with a Dozen of Wine, and cannot but do Juſtice to the Liquor, and give my Teſtimony, That I have tryed it upon ſeveral of my Acquaintance, who were given to impertinent Abbreviations, with great Succeſs.

Mr. *Bickerſtaff*,

'I Send you by this Bearer, and not *per* Bearer, 'a Dozen of that Claret which is to be ſold at '*Garraway's* Coffee-houſe on *Thurſday* the Fifth of '*October* next. I can aſſure you, I have found by 'Experience the Efficacy of it, in amending a Fault 'you complain of in your laſt. The very firſt 'Draught of it has ſome Effect upon the Speech of 'the Drinker, and reſtores all the Letters taken 'away by the Eliſions ſo juſtly complained of. '*Will Hazzard* was cured of his *Hypocondria* by 'Three Glaſſes; and the Gentleman who gave you 'an Account of his late Indiſpoſition, has in pub-'lick Company, after the Firſt Quart, ſpoke 'every Syllable of the Word Plenipotentiary.

Yours, &c.

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FOR Sale by the Candle, on Thurſday the 5th of October next, at Garraway's Coffee-houſe in Exchange-Alley, at Four in the Afternoon (only one Cask in a Lot) viz. 55 Hhds. and 8 half Hhds of excellent French (Margaux and Orion) Clarets, deep, bright, ſtrong, and of the true Flavour, neat and entire, perfect fine, and fit for Bottling; lying in a Vault under Clothworkers-Hall in Mincing-Lane. To be ſeen and taſted on Tueſday and Wedneſday next from 7 to 1, and from 2 to 6, and all Thurſday till the Hour of Sale. To be ſold by Tho. Tomkins, Broker, in Seething-lane, between Tower-ſtreet and Crouched-Fryars.

NOtice is hereby given by the Agent for the Captors, That there will be expos'd to Sale on Tueſday the 3d of October next, at Lloyd's Coffee-houſe in Lombard-ſtreet, at 4 in the Afternoon (only one Cask in a Lot) viz. Fifty Six Hogſheads of new Prize French Pontac Clarets, bright, ſtrong, and freſh, of the right Flavour, and the beſt that has been brought into England for many Years paſt; deſigned for the French Generals in Flanders, but was taken by an Engliſh Man of War; now in a Vault under the late Dwelling-houſe of Mr. Pym, the Corner of Water-lane in Tower-ſtreet. To be taſted this Day and Monday from 7 to 1, and from 2 till 6, and all Tueſday till the Hour of Sale. To be ſold by Tho. Tomkins, Broker.

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